

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for automatic topology provisioning of an optical network by a
5 network management system, comprising:
automatically mapping a topology of network elements of the network based
on network connection information, the network connection information describing
interconnections of the network elements;
10 verifying that the network elements complete a ring formation;
obtaining protection information specifying protection mechanism to be
implemented on the network; and
automatically provisioning at least one of time-division multiplexing group
(TDMG) and facility fault protection (FFP) depending upon the protection mechanism to
be implemented on the network.
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2. The method for automatic topology provisioning of claim 1, wherein the
protection mechanism is selected from the group consisting of bi-directional line
switched ring (BLSR) protection mechanism, unidirectional path switched ring (UPSR)
protection mechanism, 1:1 protection mechanism and 1+1 linear protection mechanism.
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3. The method for automatic topology provisioning of claim 2, wherein the
protection mechanism is UPSR and the provisioning comprises TDMG provisioning.

4. The method for automatic topology provisioning of claim 2, wherein the protection mechanism is at least one of 1+1 linear protection and 1:1 linear protection, wherein the provisioning comprises FFP provisioning.

5. The method for automatic topology provisioning of claim 2, wherein the protection mechanism is BLSR and the provisioning comprises TDMG and FFP provisioning.

6. The method for automatic topology provisioning of claim 5, wherein the TDMG provisioning includes determining and provisioning a ring map for each network element of the network.

7. The method for automatic topology provisioning of claim 6, wherein each network element includes at least a primary slot and optionally a secondary slot, wherein the ring map for each network element is determined by traversing the network elements protected by the BLSR protection mechanism from and in the direction of the primary slot.

8. The method for automatic topology provisioning of claim 6, wherein the ring map is stored by each network element.

9. The method for automatic topology provisioning of claim 6, wherein the TDMG provisioning includes assigning an identification to each node to facilitate in determining the ring map for each network element.

5 10. The method for automatic topology provisioning of claim 2, wherein the protection mechanism is one of BLSR and UPSR and wherein the provisioning includes TDMG provisioning, the TDMG provisioning includes bandwidth provisioning to allow a plurality of bandwidth portions, each bandwidth portion being provisioned with a different protection mechanism.

10 11. A system for automatic topology provisioning of an optical network by a network management system, comprising a processor configured to:
automatically map a topology of network elements of the network based on network connection information, the network connection information describing
15 interconnections of the network elements.

verify that the network elements complete a ring formation,
obtain protection information that specify a protection mechanism to be implemented in the network; and

20 automatically provision at least one of time-division multiplexing group (TDMG) and facility fault protection (FFP) depending upon the protection mechanism to be implemented on the network.

12. The system for automatic topology provisioning of claim 11, wherein the protection mechanism is selected from the group consisting of bi-directional line switched ring (BLSR) protection mechanism, unidirectional path switched ring (UPSR) protection mechanism, 1:1 protection mechanism and 1+1 linear protection mechanism.

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13. The system for automatic topology provisioning of claim 12, wherein when the protection mechanism is UPSR, the processor performs TDMG provisioning.

14. The system for automatic topology provisioning of claim 12, wherein when the protection mechanism is at least one of 1+1 linear protection and 1:1 linear protection, the processor performs FFP provisioning.

15. The system for automatic topology provisioning of claim 12, wherein when the protection mechanism is BLSR, the processor performs TDMG and FFP provisioning.

16. The system for automatic topology provisioning of claim 15, wherein when the processor performs TDMG provisioning, processor determines and provisions a ring map for each network element of the network.

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17. The system for automatic topology provisioning of claim 16, wherein each network element includes at least a primary slot and optionally a secondary slot, wherein the processor determines the ring map for each network element by traversing the network elements protected by the BLSR protection mechanism from and in the direction
5 of the primary slot.

18. The system for automatic topology provisioning of claim 16, wherein the ring map is stored by each network element.

10 19. The system for automatic topology provisioning of claim 16, wherein processor performs TDMG provisioning by assigning an identification to each node to facilitate in determining the ring map for each network element.

15 20. The system for automatic topology provisioning of claim 12, wherein when the protection mechanism is one of BLSR and UPSR, the processor performs TDMG provisioning, including bandwidth provisioning to allow a plurality of bandwidth portions, each bandwidth portion being provisioned with a different protection mechanism.